

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Commencement Exercises at the Institute of Learning.

A Deluge of High-Flown Specimens of Composition and Oratory.

Northern, Lake Forest, and Chicago Universities.

Installation of Warden Stevens Parker at Racine College.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The fourth day's exercises of the Commencement week of the Northwestern University began yesterday morning with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Barnes. The order of exercises for the morning was the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University. Mr. Orrington H. Lunt, president, and Mr. J. G. Hamilton presided over the duties of Secretary.

On the calling of the roll it seemed doubtful if a quorum could get together in the lecture room, where the proceedings were held, at the hour of 9 o'clock, the time appointed for the session to begin. The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings during the past year were read and approved.

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The Auditor, Mr. J. K. Bataford, presented his report, showing that the books and accounts had been examined and found correct.

Mr. Bradwell, from the Committee on the Union College of Law, made a report, instructing the officers of that institution to incur no expense except such as could be paid out of the receipts from the students; also, that the law students might attend any other classes of the University without members of the College of Law; also, that a committee be appointed to confer with the Chicago University upon the subject of the incorporation of the College of Law.

Mrs. Withard, from the Committee on the Woman's College, reported that the little new to be said concerning the Woman's College, but it was to be regretted that the matter of the house influence of the College was not better understood by the people at large.

The Committee on Lands made a report, as also did other committees, of not much interest to the public.

Dr. Davis, from the Financial Committee, presented the annual subscription to meet the expenses of the University. He said there had been \$2,000 subscribed, with the understanding that it was not until the end of the year.

He spoke encouragingly of the future, and thought the University would succeed in getting out of its difficulties.

Mr. Goodrich made some interesting remarks upon the condition of the University. The Trustees were finally got together in the lecture room, where the proceedings were held, at the hour of 9 o'clock, the time appointed for the session to begin.

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black and purple gown then performed by the Rev. Mr. Bishop Robertson, of Missouri, who was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bishop Warden's stall or seat, and indicated as follows:

By the authority committed to me for that end, I assign to thee, Stevens Parker, the stall pertaining to the office of Warden in the Chapel of the Holy Ghost, and the increase of grace to discharge the duties of that office.

After chanting the 20th psalm, beginning: "The Lord be with thee in the day of trouble; the name of the Lord thy God defend thee."

Bishop Robertson returned to the communion table, and the choir and congregation responded antiphonally.

Bishop then read the prayer for this special occasion and pronounced the benediction, upon the conclusion of which the Warden retired from the chapel and changed his vestments, returning in a few moments attired in surplice, when he performed the office of celebrant to the 20th psalm, and sang the 20th psalm.

These services were very impressive and lasted until nearly 1 o'clock.

THE RECEPTION.

The religious services concluded, the scene was transferred to the dining hall, where the students enjoyed for an hour the pleasures of a lunch, and took infinite delight in witnessing the greatest number of games ever seen in the dining hall.

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In the main auditorium music was furnished by Spill's Detroit Light-Guard Band. On the stage were seated C. S. Henning, of Plano, Ill., President of the class; Jesse F. Millsaps, of Battle Creek, Mich.; Orator and Edward P. Anderson, of Ottawa, Ill.; and Henry C. Root.

The subject of Mr. Millsaps' oration was "The Responsibility of the American Scholar." The Class-Poem was by E. P. Allen. It was entitled "The Birds," and was of unusual merit.

The exercises of the afternoon took place on the Campus, as usual, in a large pavilion recently erected in the rear of the main college-building. The history of the class, from the date it entered college—Sept. 29, 1875—was read by Irving K. Pond, of Ann Arbor. It was a complete summary of all the important events in the history of the class, and was very interesting.

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ASSESSMENTS.

Complaints Made on the South and West Sides.

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SOUTH TOWN.

The South Town Board of Review has compared with that of last year, very little to do. The admirable system pursued by Assessor Drake in giving people a fair opportunity to make before-hand what they are assessed has had the effect of reducing the complaints far below the average number, and of those that do come in the majority are very trifling in amount.

It is an exception, as in the case yesterday of M. C. Stearns, who complained that the assessment of some of his lots on Healy's Slough was too high. An examination revealed the fact that there was merit in his claim, and the assessment was reduced.

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CROP REPORTS.

NEBRASKA.

STRAUCER, Otoe Co., June 24.—We have had twelve days of rain this month. Small corn is greatly revived, though much of it is shorted by the drought. Barley will be fit to harvest within a few days. Corn a good stand and very promising.

STRAUCER, Jefferson Co., June 24.—Three days of rain has thoroughly soaked the ground. The crops are all doing finely. Most of the corn laid by. Weather cool. Corn in good shape.

STRAUCER, Adams Co., June 24.—We have had plenty of rain. No bugs or grasshoppers. Spring wheat beginning to head out. Corn rather small.

STRAUCER, Buffalo Co., June 24.—Plenty of rain all the spring and just when it was needed. Small corn is doing well. Small corn is doing well. Small corn is doing well.

STRAUCER, Seward Co., June 24.—Early corn wheat and barley were sown on the breaking in light and thin. Corn is a good stand, even stand. Some complaint about chinch-bugs, but no hoppers. Good rains recently, and crops are doing well.

STRAUCER, Fillmore Co., June 24.—Spring wheat on stubble is not up to the usual average owing to dry weather. Corn is a good stand, and will be a good crop. Small corn is doing well.

STRAUCER, Cass Co., June 24.—Drought has injured wheat, oats, and barley 20 per cent. Small corn is doing well. Small corn is doing well. Small corn is doing well.

STRAUCER, Union Co., June 24.—Have just returned from a trip through the Big Sioux Valley from Sioux City, Ia., to Sioux Falls, Dak., and only found one piece of wheat. The drought is very bad here at present. It has ruined the wheat and barley. There will not be 500 bushels of wheat, say, or barley harvested this year. Oats, if not injured any more, may make three-fourths of a crop. There is a large acreage of corn, and four-fifths of it doing well.

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